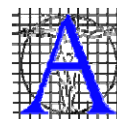




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Shopping in Dublin

If you want to go shopping in the city centre, once you get into the city centre the two main shopping centres are within about a 20 minute walk of each other. They are located on opposite sides of the River Liffey. On the northside of the River Liffey the main shopping centre is The Jervis Shopping Centre which is on Henry Street and Jervis Street. There are some good shops on the streets around the Jervis shopping centre including the large department store Arnotts

On the southside the main shopping centre is the Stephens Green Shopping Centre (pictured above) which is at the top of Grafton Street and across from Stephens Green. Grafton Street is a great shopping street and we would suggest exploring the streets around Grafton Street, Georges Arcade and Powerscourt Centre if you wish to find smaller bric a brac stores and boutiques.

For Irish crafts, my colleagues in NCGE recommended Kilkenny Design Store on Nassau Street and Avoca Craft store on Wicklow Street. (Both of these shops have lovely cafes if you wish to stop for a break).

If all that shopping makes you thirsty ...

Pubs are as much a part of life in Ireland as the cafes are in Paris. This is where a diverse cross-section of society gather to converse and to drink the famed dark local stout. The following is a small list of Traditional Pubs - General pubs for sitting down and having a chat or some 'craic'

The Stag's Head Pub

Began its life as one of the city's favorite watering holes in the 1870s. It was the first pub to have electricity in the city, and was a regular haunt of James Joyce.

The Brazen Head

The oldest pub in Dublin, and possibly Ireland and Europe, which supposedly dates back to the 12th century. Very much a tourist haunt now, though you will find all sorts.

Brogans

Brogans is a nice relaxing pub located on Dame St, perfect for a few relaxed pints. Located right next door to the Olympia. Very mixed crowd.

The Long Stone

A nice pub located just beside Trinity College, it obviously attracts a lot of students. A good place for a few drinks, but seats can be at a premium.

Nearys

A comfortable old fashioned pub with a fine Guinness right off Grafton Street.

The Library Bar

The Library Bar for a convivial night's drinking in the city centre. The Central Hotel is located on Exchequer Street and on the second floor of the hotel you will find The Library Bar.

The Foggy Dew

Situated overlooking Central Bank Square this historical bar is the perfect spot for a quiet afternoon pint or alternatively a great meeting place before heading out on the town.

Davy Byrnes

Situated in the centre of the city and first licensed in 1789, Davy Byrnes is synonymous with the literary giant James Joyce who mentions this proud establishment in both Dubliners and Ulysses. The decor is original, authentic and pre Second World War in theme.

The Bank on College Green

This building, which was constructed between 1893 and 1895, is a prime example of Victorian Commercial architecture. It was designed by one of the leading architects of the age, William Henry Lynn. The Ground Floor which now comprises the main pub area was once the main banking hall. Offers excellent bar food.

Cheap and Cheerful/ Early Bird restaurants

Cornucopia

Very popular vegetarian self-service restaurant with good wholesome food. Dishes are also available for people on gluten/wheat/yeast free diets
19 Wicklow Street, Dublin 2 ; Open: Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat 8.30am-8.00pm Thurs 8.30am-9.00pm

Govinda's

Great casual vegetarian restaurant run by Hare Krishnas (don't worry, they won't try to convert you). Large servings of healthy food at really good prices. Non-smoking. Lower Abbey St, Dublin 2 ; Open: Mon-Sat 11.00am-9.00pm

Irish Film Centre

Found in an 18th century Quaker Meeting House, this arthouse cinema is an excellent place to grab something to eat before or after seeing a film. Plenty of choice for vegetarians. On Friday and Saturday nights there is live music from 11pm to 2am.

6 Eustace Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2 ; Open: Sun-Tues 12.30pm-8.30pm Wed-Sat 12.30pm-9.00pm

Cafe Bar Deli

Popular casual bistro in the former atmospheric Bewleys outlet featuring a small menu of great tasty salads, pizza, pasta and great coffee. Nice atmosphere.

Bewleys, Grafton Street, Dublin 2

Epicurean Food Hall

Indoor food market and cafe centre, the Epicurean Food Hall is a good place to stop for a break from shopping, offering a range of eateries from French cafes to Italian pizzas, Japanese sushi, Turkish snack bar and much more. Close to Henry Street and Jervis Street. Lower Liffey Street, Dublin 1

Opening Times: Mon-Wed 9.00am-7.30pm, Thurs-Fri 9.00am-8.30pm, Sat 9.00am-6.30pm, Sun 12 noon-6.00pm

Yamamori SUSHI

Overlooking Ireland's landmark "Halfpenny Bridge", a stone's throw from "le Bar" opened 2007 and offers a unique Japanese dining experience with open kitchen and sushi bar. Large tables for big groups dining together

Market Bar

Tapas Style menu but lovely food especially fish. In an old market with shoe templates on the wall. Popular with after work crowd.

Havana

Tapas/pinchos, Spanish omelette, stew. Good cocktails and wine. Nice atmosphere and reasonably price. Also offers salsa dancing sometimes.